

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

PRESS RELEASE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Del E. Gehring, M.D., a 67 year-old physician from Davenport, Iowa, voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve a pending disciplinary investigation. The Board received information indicating Dr. Gehring failed to fully comply with the terms of a Physician Health Contract between Dr. Gehring and the Iowa Physician Health Program. Prior to surrendering his license, Dr. Gehring had discontinued his practice of medicine in Iowa.

David P. Knapp, M.D., a 52 year-old physician currently practicing in Milan, Illinois, was charged by the Iowa Board for being disciplined by the Medical Board of California. On July 17, 2000, the Iowa Board disciplined Dr. Knapp based on charges he failed to maintain adequate medical records, failed to maintain appropriate pathology reports, performed unnecessary dermatology services, failed to appropriately monitor patient medications and failed to provide appropriate supervision of a physician assistant. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, Dr. Knapp's Iowa medical license is currently subject to certain terms and conditions. On March 10, 2003, the California Board disciplined Dr. Knapp based on charges he failed to provide appropriate supervision of a physician assistant, failed to maintain appropriate patient records, inappropriately instructed an employee to provide unnecessary dermatology treatment to Medicaid patients, for inappropriate use of a cautery device and for having been disciplined by the medical boards in Iowa and New York. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for November 12, 2003.

Daniel C. Miller, D.O., a 44 year-old physician formerly practicing in Indianola, Iowa, was charged by the Board for engaging in inappropriate sexual relations with three patients between 1994 and the present, professional incompetency, inappropriate billing practices and inappropriately sharing confidential patient information with a patient. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for November 12, 2003.

Oram Miller, D.O., a 50 year-old physician from Fairfield, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Miller was charged by the Board for engaging in sexual misconduct with over thirty female patients between 1989 and the present, for sexually touching a non-patient teenager in the early 1990's, and for engaging in the practice of medicine in another state without obtaining a medical license. On October 21, 1997, Dr. Miller's Iowa medical license was placed on probation following allegations he inappropriately touched a female patient in a sexual manner while practicing osteopathic medicine in Maryland. Under the terms of the current Settlement Agreement, the Board suspended Dr. Miller's Iowa medical license indefinitely.

Mark R. Young, M.D., a 45 year-old physician from Indianola, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. The Board charged Dr. Young for violating the terms of his Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) monitoring agreement when he tested positive for a controlled substance on two occasions. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Young's Iowa medical license was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years subject to certain terms and conditions due to inappropriate drug use.